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## Intimations.

## DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGER'S begs to intimate to his Friends that he is about to visit SHANGHAI, and will be absent from Hongkong from April 1st to June 15th. Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

## CONSULADO DE ESPAÑA.

HASTA el dia 30 del corriente a las 12 del medio dia se recibiran en este Consulado, por pliegos sellados propuestas para la subasta de las OBRAS DE REPARACIONES que hay que ejecutar en el Transporte de Guerra Espanol "MARQUES DE LA VICTORIA".

En la Cancilleria de este Consulado estan de manifiesto el detalle de las Obras y el pliego de Condiciones para la subasta.

EDUARDO TODA.

Hongkong, 20 de Junio de 1878. jy1

## IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS.

## CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF LIGHT-HOUSE OIL.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at this Office till July 31st next, for the Supply of 5000 Gallons VEGETABLE OIL for use at the LIGHT-HOUSEES in the Southern Division of China, for the Year 1879. Printed forms of Tender for each of the 3 following kinds of Oil can be had at this Office on application, viz:

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1000 Gallons on or before 1st November next.

1500 " " 1st December.

2500 " " 1st March, 1879.

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No Tender will be accepted on any other form than those issued from this Office.

The Covers to be headed "Tender for Light-house Oil".

The Commissioner does not pledge himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

R. B. MOORHEAD,  
Commissioner of Customs.  
Custom House,  
Amoy, 16th June, 1878. aul

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Price: FIVE Dollars, or Two Dollars and a Half per Part.

To be had from MEISSNER LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MEISSNER & WATSON, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr S. J. DAVID in our Firm at this Port, and in China, CEASED on the 31st December, 1876.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Hongkong, June 14, 1878. jy14

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ARTHUR CHART in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878. del3

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, March 8, 1878. se8

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Under-signed in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Wah Tsze Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877, but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Under-signed has Leased the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr LEONG YOOK OHN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,

Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE BRITISH SHIP LODORE, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees are also informed that, before delivery can be obtained, they will be required to sign the Average Bond and to give Approved Guarantee for Contribution to General Average.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 19, 1878. je28

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship GÆLIC, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

G. B. EMORY, Agents.

Hongkong, June 20, 1878. je27

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## S. S. AMAZONE.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. Euphrate, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 24th Instant, at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Under-signed.

Goods remaining unclaimed after SATURDAY, the 29th Instant, at Noon, will be sent to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, June 24, 1878. je29

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY,

Agent.

Ex "Yangtze."

SP (in triangle) Order, 100 bags; from Sharp Stones, Madras.

Ex "Ava."

FH 2 Order, 1 case Cashbox, from Marcellis.

JARG Order, 6 bags Cotton, from Galle.

Massa.

Taichow Island, May 1st, 1878.

Hongkong, June 18, 1878.

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Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## 5th DRAWING.

## Chinese Imperial 8 per cent. Loan of 1874.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following numbers of Bonds to be paid off at par, in Hongkong, on the 30th of June, and in London, on the 19th of August next, when the Interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day Drawn at the Offices of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, situate No. 31, Lombard Street, in this City, in the presence of Mr WILLIAM NICHOLLS, Acting Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

## NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

## 314 Bonds Nos.—

14	710	1405	2107	2809	3514	4203	4914	5620
36	723	1429	2121	2829	3521	4230	4935	5623
45	741	1442	2145	2857	3552	4258	4956	5647
76	787	1473	2167	2874	3566	4270	4989	5675
99	794	1487	2190	2898	3585	4281	4994	5695
105	814	1520	2214	2919	3617	4309	5003	5711
124	823	1534	2233	2926	3624	4336	5022	5734
144	844	1551	2243	2952	3646	4350	5047	5755
170	862	1577	2262	2980	3674	4372	5062	5770
195	897	1586	2283	2992	3686	4399	5095	5790
208	909	1601	2313	3009	3703	4401	5112	5810
221	935	1629	2331	3036				

Police Intelligence.  
(Before the Hon. C. May.)  
25th June, 1878.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."  
Hongkong, June 24, 1878.

A BAD CHARACTER.  
Chung Alai, a seaman, was charged on remand with having returned from deportation. He had threatened the Chinese Constable who arrested him on several occasions whilst being conveyed to and from the gaol and on one occasion said that he had a knife ready sharpened for him. The defendant admitted the previous convictions and said that if he was allowed to depart he would lead an honest life. He was sent to 12 months' hard labour, and to be recommended to H. E. the Governor as a fit person for re-deportation.

SUPREME COURT.  
IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.  
(Before His Lordship Acting Chief Justice Snowden.)  
June 26, 1878.

The Sessions were resumed to-day, when the following gentlemen were empanelled as a Jury:—Messrs F. de S. Botelho, H. Crawford, W. H. Ferreira, J. Inglis, C. F. Harton, L. C. Thevenin, and J. Soier.

*Regina v. Kuan Akan and Cheung Apong.*  
The prisoners were indicted for larceny from the person. They were found guilty, and the first prisoner, who simply tried to enable the second to make good his escape, was sentenced to 6 weeks' hard labour; the second, who had been several times previously convicted, was sent to 5 years' penal servitude.

The prisoners in the *Decauville* poisoning case were discharged by proclamation, for want of evidence.

The following prisoners were then sentenced:—Li Ahung, who pleaded guilty to child-stealing, was sent to 5 years' penal servitude.

AN OLD RESIDENT.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, June 22, 1878.

SIR,—I beg to call your attention to a nuisance that exists whereby the General Public are put to much inconvenience. I allude to the custom of "packing" stuff under the Colonies that ought to shelter the Pedestrian; this is more especially the case on the Praya. If the Custom of the Port allows people to pack goods outside their own premises, the road may be used, so as to allow passers-by to walk under cover.

Yours faithfully,  
PEDESTRIAN.

## TALK FROM TOWN.

I do not hold that the picture display at the Academy this year is up to the average—indeed, the best works are those living pictures which throng the saloon. No painter has yet put on his canvas such biended colouring of dresses as one sees worn, in the present day, by ladies. There is a lulling charm, a quiet grace about these antique dresses. To see them in perfection you must go to the Court Theatre and see Ellen Terry. Everybody seems to go to the Academy: I go, at this early stage, to see the people. It is quite out of the question to think, with the crush, that you can really see and understand the pictures, for to appreciate and realize the story of a picture, you must study it with care. Some one once said—I think the hero in one of Edmund Yates' novels—that the painter was a far greater man than the writer. The painter on a small canvas, with one figure and a few surroundings, told the same story, which the novelist takes three volumes to explain. It is the little detail that adds chapter to chapter to the painting—a flower, a cracked vase, a scrap of paper. But even those who do not know anything about pictures and who care less—those who are not so wise as Hamlet and can see a church by daylight—these go to the Academy and they religiously buy a catalogue, with its blue wrapper, and promenade the streets with its pages fluttering in the wind. You see them in the Park, with the student-like catalogue, as if it said, "Yes, we are lovers of art; we know all about shades, and tints, and harmony—and then they saunter home and revel in the poetry and art of eating shrimps and bread-and-butter for their tea.

Wong Ayung and another v. J. Kennedy, \$36.80.—This was a claim for work and labour done. The defence set up was that the plaintiff had contracted to build a bridge and a wall which had been washed away by the heavy rain. It was agreed that Portland Cement should be used, and it was also arranged that the agreement should be reduced to writing, but this was never done. The plaintiffs subsequently refused to carry out the contract, the consequence being that all the work they had already done was useless, and the defendant, who is a partner in the firm of Williams and Kennedy, was put to great trouble and expense. The case was allowed to stand over until to-morrow, to enable a proper investigation to be made as to the amount of work actually performed by the plaintiffs.

Lam Alam v. Jose C. de Senna, \$2.—This was a claim for balance of wages as an amanuensis. Defendant denied liability, as the plaintiff had left without permission, and refused to go back. Judgment for defendant, with costs.

Yeung Chan Wah v. Tang Kow (Kwong Lee Yuen Hong), \$301.40.—This was a claim for balance of account for goods sold and delivered. The bulk of the goods consisted of stores supplied to the steamship *Conquest*. The defendants admitted that the goods had been delivered, but contended that the prices charged were excessive. Judgment was entered for the plaintiff for the amount claimed, with costs. Mr. Denys appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Wotton for the defendants.

Yip Chan Shing v. Yeung Shui Lum, \$250, and Yeung Shui Lum v. Yip Chan Shing, counter claim for \$500.—His Lordship now delivered judgment in this case as follows:—The plaintiff in the claim asked a decree for \$250 for loss and damage sustained to his two houses Nos. 71 and 73, Second-street, Sai-ying-poon, caused by the defendant negligently excavating close to the foundations of those houses by which excavation the houses got cracked and injured. The plaintiff, in a counter claim, asked for a decree for \$500 for damage done by the defendant for encroaching on his lot. It appeared in evidence that the defendant in the first matter built a large wall on the north side of a lot in Second-street where he is putting up two houses. This wall, which is a retaining and foundation wall, is coterminous with the plaintiff's foundation wall of Nos. 71 and 73. The wall was supposed to have been caused by the excavation close to the plaintiff's premises, and it was proved that for a considerable distance from the plaintiff's premises no excavation had taken place, for there was a natural declivity where the retaining wall was built. There was a good deal of scientific evidence produced, but I don't think it is necessary to refer to it further than that Mr. Wilson, architect, stated that he had plumb the north-east corner which was badly cracked and that it was quite vertical. I think it is proved beyond all doubt, that the house was in a tumbling condition before any work was commenced in the adjoining premises, and the plaintiff's own witness proved that cracks had occurred over arches which were filled up with lime and whitewash. There is no evidence to show that the works in the adjoining lot contributed in any way to the damage, and I think the injury results from bad construction of the houses and their foundations, and not from any removal of their support. The counter claim was withdrawn on the completion of the hearing of the claim, judgment for defendant with costs.

Mr. Toller appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Denys for the defendant.

the carriage bearing occupants from Lady Salisbury's reception. What huge rooms she must have—not that any rooms in London could hold the numbers I saw coming and going. At the corner of Arlington there was a dead block—carriages to right of them, carriages to left of them, and the coachmen yelled and thundered. There were carriages fully a quarter of a mile away from the house, but when the occupants got to their destination, goodness only knows. I lay, reclining in a handsome, in the thick of the fray—an ancient downer on one side, a pretty countess on the other. It was pouring with rain—pouring the proverbial London cats and dogs. There everybody waited, waited for hours, went in and then went out, and home to bed.

Charming and lively is the Park is when Fashion's in it at its height, there is always something lacking when the Princess of Wales is not there. Of late, she has been—a not very common thing for her—riding in the morning and driving in the evening. But at present she is in Paris. How popular she is—much more so, considering the Queen though the Queen is very popular, the more, since it is said that she is terribly in earnest in sustaining the honour of her country. You see the Princess and her children—and they are growing big and lusty boys and girls. The two boys who are naval cadets are getting on in their profession, and, now that the novelty of having to mix with the sons of commoners is over, they have become much liked. They have the destiny of everything royal—been photographed in their sailor suits, and with an instructor shewing them how to splice a rope.

Sothern has come back from America, and brought with him an altered version of Byron's play *The Prompter's Fox*. He has heightened the colouring of the leading character, rechristened it *The Crushed Tragedian*, thereby spoilt it, made a gross and unnatural caricature, with the result of failure, ad that Sothern cannot have heard applied to him for many years back, a good round of hisses when the curtain rose on its first representation. Yet it had almost a dramatic triumph in America. But the more thinking of an English audience always hesitate to take a trap for art, and with memories of how well the character was played in London by Henry J. Byron himself and by Edward Price in the provinces, it is not surprising that a protest was made against making a five-not "fire-side drama" into a five-act farce. I believe this will do Sothern good. There is no worse treatment to an actor than too much success: claiming that, he deems himself infallible, and thinks he has only to act to be cheered. But there is a large body of regular theatre-goers in London—men who wouldn't miss a first night on any consideration—and these, well trained and sensitive, are the real critics, and their verdict cannot be washed away by any number of floral bouquets thrown from friends in stalls or boxes.

## China.

SHANGHAI  
(Nets).

The steamer *Argyle*, from Hankow, left the Red Bay at Woosung at three o'clock yesterday afternoon (June 18th). She takes 8,068.12 pounds of Hankow tea, and 2,711 piculs of Kuchang tea. The *Dago* is expected to be the next steamer down, and it is probable that the sailing vessel *Cortezus* will leave Hankow in tow of the China Navigation Company's steamer *Peking*. It is noteworthy that the *Argyle* and *Dago* were almost the last steamers to arrive at Hankow. The *Argyle* filled at £8 per ton in preference to the *Fleur Castle*, *Viking*, *Cairnsuir*, *Ferisia* and *Ferim*, all of which steamers it is thought will have to wait for second crop teas, numbers of which are expected in Hankow about the end of the week. The *Dago* has taken £5.10 per ton, the lowest rate, we believe, ever accepted at Hankow; but when it is considered there has been about double the number of steamers there this year to what there was last season, there is no cause for wonder.

## NINGPO.

June 15th.

The "Camp," or foreign settlement, was visited on Friday night by an extensive fire which threatened at one time to prove most destructive to foreign property. It broke out somewhere about midnight in some Chinese buildings not very far from the premises formerly owned by Messrs Dent & Co., and in the joint occupation of a firm of Singaporean merchants, and the sole representative of American mercantile interests at this port. Luckily the wind was from the South, otherwise a large yard stacked full of timber adjacent to the premises above-mentioned must inevitably have ignited, and it is difficult to say to what extent the fire would have spread. Owing to the exertions of the very efficient fire brigade, organized and presided over by Col. Cooke, commandant of the remnant of the "green heads," or foreign-drilled force that did so much service during the rebellion, and his son in command Major Watson, the fire was confined to a block of Chinese buildings, occupying an area of about half an acre in extent. Of these little now remains but a heap of smoking bricks, amongst which might be seen on the following day numbers of ragged looking Chinese gazing for charred remnants of timber, or hunting for relics of incomparable property, whilst here and there a disconsolate woman was sitting on the remains of her ruined domicile moaning and deplored her losses. The methodical and systematic nature of expressions of grief on the part of Chinese females most certainly encourages a doubt in their sincerity. One can hardly believe in the reality of sorrowful utterances that can find a vent while the performer is comfortably seated on a three-legged stool, and ceases her moanings abruptly to indulge in a cup of tea, address a remark to a bystander, or smile curiously at the inquisitive, and, in some instances, intrusive, inquirer.—N. C. D. News.

## THE FIRE AT THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK AT SHANGHAI.

The alarm was rung at the different Police Stations a few minutes before eleven o'clock, and a large crowd soon collected round the bank premises; but with praiseworthy forethought police constables were stationed at the entrance gates and only known residents and firemen were allowed to enter the building, but notwithstanding this restriction it was speedily well filled with ready and energetic workers. The fire originated in the bedroom at the north-west corner of the building, which is gen-

rally occupied by the manager of the Bank. When first discovered the flames had good hold of the woodwork of the windows, and were communicating with the veranda and the contents of the room. Everything being perfectly dry and more or less of an inflammable nature, the flames spread with amazing rapidity, and when the Police arrived with their extinguishers the room seemed to be all ablaze. Fortunately, however, it was not so bad as appearances indicated, and many articles of furniture, clothing, and mural ornamentation were saved. The extinguishers, combined with the efforts of the Hook and Ladder Company, soon checked the progress of the flames; and the engines, arriving with most commendable promptitude, caused all apprehension of a serious conflagration to banish. Two hose were run through the entrance corridor and up the staircase; and wherever a spark was to be seen water was applied without stint, until the floor was flooded to the depth of two or three inches. Happily there was a water-proof arch under the floor, protecting the treasure room, which was beneath, and consequently the valuables of the Bank escaped damage from either water or fire. In case, however, the flames had spread beyond control, the books, documents and other like articles, were all placed in readiness for removal to the Agua Bank. It was wise to take the precaution, for it was only by the willingness of everybody to assist that the flames were so quickly extinguished, and if more water was used than was absolutely necessary, it only made assurance doubly sure against another outbreak.

When the firemen and public withdrew from the building, all that remained in the room in which the fire occurred was a once beautiful brass bedstead, the mattresses of which were saturated with water, and a wardrobe; and both articles showed that the flames must have had good hold when their extinction was first essayed. The walls were rendered bare and the mouldings were dropping from the ceiling; and the woodwork of the windows leading to the veranda were charred and in one case had been pulled down altogether. The uppermost part of the veranda was a complete wreck. All things considered, however, the damage was not great—thanks to the exertions of the police and the amateur firemen—for a refreshing breeze was blowing and but for their timely arrival and their indefatigable exertions the probabilities are that the building, which is one of the oldest in the Settlement, would have been completely gutted.

There is only the statement of the Chinese servants as to how the fire originated, but their explanation seems very simple, that is, that the window curtains blew against the gas bracket between the two middle windows; and nobody being in the room or on the landing at the time, the mischief was not discovered until a coolie went to see that all was right before going to bed, when he found all the curtains ablaze.—N. C. D. News.

THE RUSSIANS AT SULINA.

Constantinople, April 11.

Her Majesty's gunboat *Cockatrice* has just returned from Sulina, where for the last four months she has been watching over the interests of the International Commission, which had been established by the Russian operations during the war and were not considered to be quite out of danger even with the conclusion of the armistice, seeing that among other conditions is the temporary possession of the principal mouth of the Danube by the one European Power whose interests would best be served by its becoming blocked up to the exclusion of general traffic. Notwithstanding the high state of tension at which the relations between the two countries have now for some time past been standing, our people and the Russians met upon the most friendly terms, and the latter were very communicative in respect to all the operations, naval and military, which had been carried on in that quarter during the war. As there were no Correspondents with this proportion of the Russian forces, and little enough was heard of its doing while hostilities were still going on, it is interesting to hear from themselves how it was they failed to effect so little, notwithstanding superior numbers, their torpedoes, and armed lighters. It was very long for the river to be cleared. No sooner was the barrier near Touicha removed, for which they had to thank Mr. Kuhl, the engineer of the "Commission," than in spite of the torpedoes, up they went to Galatz, returning with full cargoes of grain. One plucky fellow set the example, and the rest all followed. The Russian engineer connected with the operations reported that the barrier was not in existence; but Mr. Kuhl soon found the place for him, and then, taking the matter into his own hands, blew it up without further ado.—Correspondent of the Times.

"THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND NEUTRALITY.

The new and magnificent steamship *The State of California*, that was launched from the ship yards of the Messrs Cramp & Sons, Philadelphia, recently, is to be transferred to the Russian Government at a good round price. It is to complete this transaction that Mr. Charles Goodall, of our city, is on his way East. Having been built under the supervision of the British Lloyds, the first steamer ever constructed under its rule in this country, the transaction cannot fail but to be doubtfully aggravating to England. No war having been declared, of course the sale is strictly legitimate. It is now apparent that Russia is determined to largely augment her marine by purchase of vessels in these waters, and she is wisely taking time by the forelock by doing her business previous to the opening of hostilities, which now appear imminent. When war is declared the United States, under the Treaty of Washington, is bound to use due diligence in preventing the fitting out in our ports of any vessel intending to make war against a nation with which this Government is at peace. The penalty for any citizen violating the Treaty is set out in section 5283 of the Revised Statutes. It is as follows:

"Every person who, within the limits of the United States, fits out and arms, or attempts to fit out, arm, or procure to be fitted out and armed, or knowingly is concerned in the furnishing, fitting out, or arming, of any vessel, with the intent that such vessel shall be employed in the service of any foreign prince or State, or of any colony, district or people with whom the United States are at peace; or who issues or delivers a commission, within the territory or jurisdiction of the United States, for any vessel, to the intent that she may so be employed, shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars and imprisoned not more than three years, and every such vessel, with her tackle, apparel and furniture, together with all materials, arms, ammunition and stores, which may have been prepared for the building and equipment thereof, shall be forfeited, one-half to the use of the informer and the other half to the use of the United States."

Yet, in spite of this stringent law, it will be practically impossible to prevent violations of neutrality, no matter how anxious the Government is to enforce the laws and treaty obligations. Our seafarers are so tame, and we have so many ports, harbors, and inlets, that with our small navy a constant watch cannot be maintained.

In *The State of California* the Russian Government has obtained a splendid steamer. She is described as having a length of 320 feet; breadth of beam, 38 feet; depth of hold, 28 feet. She has accommodation for 400 passengers. She is being rigged with steam steering gear and all the latest improvements in naval architecture. She is supplied with compound surface condensing engines, with direct-acting inverted cylinders. The engines are to develop 1700 horse-power, and are supplied with steam by six cylindrical boilers.—*California*.

## Quotations.

HONGKONG, June 25, 1878.

OPUM.—New Patna, cash, \$615 a 617.

Old Patna, cash, — credit, —

" New Benares, cash, \$50 a 522.

Old Benares, cash, None

" New Malwa, cash, 202.

Allowance Taels, 6 a 12.

Old Malwa, cash, —

Allowance Taels, — credit, —

CAMPHOR, ... ... ... 16.00 a 16.25

QUICKSILVER, ... ... ... 61.50 a 62.00

SALTPETRE, ... ... ... 6.20 a 6.60

## Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... ... ... 3/104

" 30 days' sight, ... ... ... 3/103

" 6 months' sight, ... ... ... 3/104

Credits, " 6months' sight, ... ... ... 3/11

Bombay, demand Rupees, ... ... ... 2262

Calcutta, " ... ... ... 2262

Sulina, demand, ... ... ... 728

" 30 days, ... ... ... 73

Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., ... ... ... 10 %

Sycees, ... ... ... ... ... 8 %

Mohans, ... ... ... ... ... 2 p. a. pm.

Gold Leaf, ... ... ... ... ... 26

English Sovereigns, ... ... ... 5.07

Australian Sovereigns, ... ... ... 5.07

Discount, ... ... ... ... ... 7 to 9 %

## Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 69 % prem.

Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,300

China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,475

Chinese Insurance Co., \$297

## To Let.

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**I**N the Houses on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situated on Praya East.—  
**H**OUSE No. 2, Praya East. The basement, together with First Floor, or separate if desired, with possession on the 1st July.

**H**OUSE No. 3, Praya East. The whole House or in Flats, with possession on the 1st of August.

## As also,

The DWELLING House to the Eastward of Pier at Wanchai. May be had as an entire Dwelling or in Apartments of two or three Rooms to suit convenience, with immediate possession. Fine spacious Verandah looking on to Harbour.

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**F**IRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wanchai, Marine Lot 65.

For particulars, apply to

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, June 21, 1878.

## TO LET.

**T**HE DWELLING HOUSE No. 6, Mosque Terrace, in Club Chambers. THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers. Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, June 21, 1878.

## TO LET.

**H**OUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached. Houses No. 2, and 9, Seymour Terrace, DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

## Mails.

## STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle, Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton, and London, ALSO, Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.

**T**HE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *SUN DAE*, Captain J. REEVES, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 29th June, at Noon.

For further particulars, apply to

A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, June 18, 1878.

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**O**CIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

**T**AKing THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTIcUT WITH THE CENTRAL

AND

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

**T**HE S. S. "GAELIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 4th July, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 3rd July. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight on Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 31, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, June 17, 1878.

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**N**OTICE.  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES,  
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

**S**TEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLE;

A150.

BOMBAY, MAHAD, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

**O**N SATURDAY, the 6th July, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. "A. P." Commandant Hartmann, with MAIls, PASSENGERS, SPECIALLY, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Soon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 6th July, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

E. DU FOUCY,

4pm

Hongkong, June 24, 1878.

## Intimations.

**T**HE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

**H**ENRY B. HYDE, President.  
J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.  
SAMUEL BROWNE, Secretary.  
A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for China and Japan.

**P**RINCIPAL OFFICE,  
120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets \$31,700,000  
Surplus \$ 5,500,000

**T**HE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong, China, for the above Company, are prepared to Accept Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon terms very favourable to the assured.

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OLYPHANT & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

W. BALL,  
CHINA DISPENSARY.

**I**MPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

**P**RAYA WEST, HONGKONG,  
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf,  
Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

## AFONG,

**P**HOTOGRAPHER,  
by appointment, to  
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,  
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and to

H. L. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS  
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**N**OTICE OF REMOVAL.

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Hongkong, April 29, 1878.

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**T**HE Undersigned having been appointed AGENT in Hongkong for the above-named Company, is prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

**G**ILMAN & Co.,  
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Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

## SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

**C**APITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

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KWOK ACEHONG, Merchant.

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LEE SING, of Lai Hing Firm, Merchant.

CHENG SING YOUNG, Merchant.

CHOW CHAN, Merchant.

**J**. Y. VERNON SHAW.

Hongkong, June 1, 1878.

**T**HE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

**H**ead Office—HONGKONG.

**A**GENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

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**J**AS. B. COUGETRIE,  
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Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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(FIRE AND LIFE)

**C**APITAL, TWO MILLIONS STEERLING.

**T**HE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

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Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

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For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

NORTON & Co.,

4pm

Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

## Insurances.

**T**HE YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

**C**APITAL—Fully Paid-up... \$100,000  
PERMANENT RESERVE..... 230,000  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND..... 104,000

Total Capital and accumula-

tions this date..... \$174,000

## Directors:

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.  
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C. KERS, Esq. Secretary.

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Hongkong, May 10, 1878.

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**M**ELCHERS & Co.,  
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